54TH PRESENTATION NIGHT

With the curtain falling on the 54th Annual Presentation evening, I would like to congratulate all students who received well deserved recognition for their outstanding academic achievements this year. A very special thank you must also go to all our industry partners, sponsors and special guest presenters who continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in celebration of our student’s successes. Your support is invaluable and we look forward to working with you again in 2014.
PRINCIPAL’S WORDS

I can’t believe it’s the last newsletter for 2013 already!
Work has already commenced in preparation for Year 7 coming in 2015 with moving of F Block staff facilities and asbestos removal in C10. Over the Summer break both the Student Services Centre and the covered stage refurbishments will commence and then X, C and F block to occur after that. The P&C are still working hard to expand the tuckshop capacity with tenders being called to complete this work.
Lastly, the school holidays will commence on Monday 16th December.
Year 8 and 12 return on Tuesday 28th January and all other years start on Wednesday 29th January.
I’d like to extend warm wishes to all families over the Christmas Holidays and rest, refreshed and ready to learn in 2014.
Seasons Greetings to all.
Jo Soothill
Principal

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Closed—Tuesday 17th December 2013 to Friday 17th January 2014 for Christmas Holidays
Back to School
Year 8 and Year 12 Tuesday 28th January
Year 9, 10 and 11 Wednesday 29th January

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC DAY

On Wednesday 23rd October students participated in an Instrumental Music Day. Students from Mareeba SS, Biboohra SS and Mareeba SHS worked together to learn new music. Student ages ranged from grade 5 upwards. I was impressed with student behaviour and the high levels of concentration all day. Our secondary students were being recognised and rewarded.

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GUEST SPEAKER
Mrs Katrina Spies, Chief Executive Officer
Quality Innovation Training and Employment

SPECIAL AWARD SPONSORS, PRESENTERS AND RECIPIENTS.

- MR EVAN McGrath OAM

OUTSTANDING SCHOOL SERVICE AWARD—Sponsored and presented by ED & FM McGrath—Kate Mirarchi

OUTSTANDING EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD—Sponsored and Presented by Kylie Lambert—Winner: Baedyn McClelland and Encouragement: Kianna La Rosa

MR TOM BRAES OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD—Sponsored and Presented by Tom Braes—Alessia Aloia

THE DAVID MARTI OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO DANCE—Sponsored by Marti Family—Baedyn McClelland

SONLIA FASHIONS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO FASHION—Sponsored by Sonlia Fashions—Katelyn Dickinson

MAREEBA LIONESS CLUB JUNIOR AND SENIOR CITIZENSHIP AWARD—Sponsored by Mareeba Lioness Club, Presented by Yvonne Vogler—Carla Newlands and Monique Ebner

MORRIS FAMILY ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD—Sponsored by Morris Family—Mary Rains

MAREEBA AND DIMULAH COMMUNITY BANK COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD YEARS 8-11—Sponsored by Mareeba & Dimulah Community Bank, Presented by Natasha Sroj—Year 8: Kiara Cabassi, Year 9: Maeghan Bexwich, Year 10: Caitlin Goodhew and Year 11: Monique Ebner

CONOR HARNISCHFEGER PUBLIC SPEAKING AWARD—Sponsored by M & Dr C Harnischfeger, Presented by Conor Harnischfeger—Shenice Portelli

LM ENGINEERING VOCATIONAL STUDENT ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD—Sponsored by LM Engineering—Grace Mostert


SONIA FENWICK TRUST BURSARY—Sponsored by Sonia Fenwick Trust, Presented by Peter Apel—Damen Brcko

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD—Sponsored by Australian Defence Force, Presented by CPO Paul Carey—Year 10: Helena Kath and Year 12: Curtis Midgley

UNITING CHURCH QUIET ACHIEVER AWARD (YEAR 10) - Sponsored by Uniting Church, Presented by Rev Peter Blauw—Joanna Penn

DR MARK BESTMANN JUNIOR LEADERSHIP AND INITIATIVE AWARD—Sponsored by Dr Mark Bestmann—Amy Mehmet

SHARPE PSYCHOLOGY AWARD (Year 9) - Sponsored and Presented by Mrs Fiona Sharpe—Maeghan Bexwich

JCU Year 12 Academic Encouragement Award—Sponsored by JCU, Presented by Simon Marshall—Jacinta McDonald and Jean Saker

ARTS SHOWCASE EVENING 2013

Wednesday 23rd October many parents, students and teachers gathered for the 10th Annual Arts Showcase evening. It was a great night and well attended by the community. It was fantastic to see such high standards and potential in the Arts being recognised and rewarded.

Kylie Lambert—HOD Visual & Performing Arts & Languages
The 2013 Schola Magazine has gone to press. Your prepaid copy can now be purchased through the school office. This 80 page full colour magazine will be delivered at the end of the year.

2013 Schola Magazine $27.00 each

ROTARY STUDENT LEADERSHIP DINNER GROUP
On Wednesday 3rd October a group of Interact members and other Mareeba SHS leaders attended the Rotary Student Leadership Dinner. They joined with student leaders from other local schools as well as the Mareeba Rotary members to participate in a Rotary meeting. Students from the Interact Executive had the responsibility of running the meeting for the night and spoke about the various fundraising activities and community events they have been involved in this year. Jordan Bennett also gave a speech on the night about his trip to the Rotary Conference in Dili earlier in the year as well as his participation in volunteer work.

The Student Leadership Dinner was run by Rotary to acknowledge the work that student leaders do in all of the local schools. It gave the Interact Executive a chance to practice running a meeting in a community context. It was a great night for all involved.

Jaclyn Cunningham — Teacher

INDIGENOUS LEADERS OF TOMORROW
Ten students attended the Indigenous Leaders of Tomorrow ‘Celebrating Success’ day on Friday. They were well-presented, their power point and oral presentation was one of the top presentations on the day. They behaved well and represented our school in a responsible and respectful manner.

Reece Fieldhouse, Henley Tabuai and Kimberlee Hunter were the speakers on the day. Reece was awarded a ‘Responsible Use of Social Media Award’ by the ILT team. Some students also stayed on for the dinner dance afterwards. A good time was had by all!

Christina Ellacott — Gifted & Talented Coordinator, Senior Teacher

INTERACT CLUB
Mareeba State High School Interact Club members assisted at the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Gala Dinner on October 26th. For their efforts the Mareeba Chamber of Commerce representative, Tamara Shroj presented Rachel Jenkins Treasurer of MSHS Interact Club a $350 Cheque. Students will put the donation towards their Relay for Life team - World War Cancer. Interact Members Sam Harris and Carl Martens and Ms Soothill in photo.

Lesa Pershouse — MLC Teacher

TUCKSHOP CLOSURE
Tuckshop will be closed for the last 2 weeks of the school term from 2/12/13 – 13/12/13 due to major renovation building work.

Debbie Heathfield — Tuckshop Convenor

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BARRON RIVER CHALLENGE

Kayak Polo (officially called Canoe Polo) is one of the eight disciplines of canoeing. Polo combines canoeing and ball handling skills with an exciting contact team game, where tactics and positional play are as important as the speed and fitness of the individual athletes.

The game is often described as a combination of water polo, basketball and kayaking. The game requires excellent teamwork and promotes both general canoeing skills as well as a range of other techniques unique to the sport. Each team has 5 players on the pitch (and up to 3 substitutes), who compete to score in their opponents goal which is suspended 2 metres above the water. The ball can be thrown by hand, or flicked with the paddle to pass between players and shoot at the goal. Pitches can be set up in swimming pools or any stretch of flat water.

The local Tinaroo Canoe Club coordinates kayak polo in the Mareeba Pool. The TCC also runs the annual Barron River Challenge 12 schools canoe race in May each year.

A new of Mr McClelland’s views into sport follow—

“It takes a little while and a little commitment to get into the sport however the general skills can be transferred to any of the paddling disciplines. Paddling subtly builds the upper body and targets those core abdominal muscles so vital to be toned during the teenage years”.

“What is great about this sport is that techniques such as eskimo rolling are learnt in the safe pool environment and then further developed in a white water environment if desired. Its a boutique sport at present though if enough school teams of 5 or 6 get involved an inter-school competition may be established.

Currently all gear is supplied. Feel free to spectate first if you have a group that thinks it is interested.”

School contacts:

Terry McClelland and Aaron O’Neil

SCHOOL WATCH

Education Queensland in conjunction with Mareeba State High School has a grounds policy: ‘No one shall access the school grounds out of school hours without the written permission of the Principal; and secondly the school is part of the School Watch Program which aims to reduce crime directed against schools and to foster a greater degree of community involvement in school security. We ask our local school community that if you see or hear suspicious behaviour, report the incident immediately to 131788 or if life threatening phone 000. The Queensland Police will take appropriate prosecution action in charging persons found unlawfully on school grounds. Please assist the school in safeguarding against vandalism, theft and arson these school holidays.

GUITAR TUTORING

Want to learn to play the guitar? Want to improve your guitar skills while your regular teacher is taking a break over the school holidays? A third year university music student is willing to take you on!

There is no charge for students and teachers of Mareeba State High School. You only need to have a guitar and spare strings, be willing to practise between lessons, and have an adult family member to make necessary arrangements if you are a student.

This is an ideal opportunity to develop your guitar skills in any style you want to play, from classical to heavy metal.

Please contact Mrs Towne to indicate your interest on the school office number 4086 2777.

Kirsten Towne—Music Teacher

KAYAK POLO

Winner—Daniel Cabassi

3rd Place—Madalyn Wallace

Winner Daniel Cabassi

BLA BARE FOOT ART COMPETITION

Students at Mareeba State High School excel in the Arts. Recently year 11 Photo-Imaging students entered into the BLA Barefoot Art Competition sponsored by Proarch Podiatry. Congratulations goes to Daniel Cabassi who was the winner of the competition and to Madalyn Wallace who was awarded third place. Both Daniel and Madalyn will be invited to the BLA Awards Nights in Cairns to receive their prizes. Well done Daniel and Madalyn on your success! Kylie Lambert—HOD Visual and Performing Arts and Languages

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Turning on the Lights & SANTA VISIT
Friday 22 November 2013

KICK OFF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!
Main Street, Atherton
6.00pm start
Local schools performing
Jumping castle
Face painting and a visit from Santa!

3 time Olympian Lisa Curry will be your MC for the night!

Featuring the Tablelands Regional Youth Band!

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Motivational Seminar
Saturday 23 November 2013
Mt Uncle Distillery 6-8pm

Lisa will share her journey as an Olympian & talk about the secrets to weight loss, fitness, illness prevention and a balanced life...

$20 pp (Kids 12 and under free)
finger food included

Prizes and books to be given away on the night!

LISA CURRY is coming to the Tablelands!
22 November - 24 November

Tickets available from Council offices & the Atherton & Mareeba Swimming Pools

For Lisa's full itinerary see the Council website www.trc.qld.gov.au

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